

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
FILED

March 25, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

United States of America

v.

Jose Lopez- Mata

Case No.

4:25-mj-175

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of December 26, 2023 in the county of Brazos in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

8 U.S.C. § 1326 (a)

a native and citizen of Mexico and an alien who had been previously deported from the United States was found unlawfully in the United States at Brazos County, Texas, the said defendant having not obtained the consent before March 2003 from the Attorney General of the United States to reapply for admission into the United States; and without having obtained corresponding consent after February 2003 from the Secretary of Homeland Security pursuant to 6 U.S.C. §§ 202(3) and (4) and 6 U.S.C. § 557,

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit in support of the Criminal Complaint

☐ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Shawna Campbell, ICE Deportation Officer

Printed name and title

Sworn to me telephonically.

Date: 03/25/2025City and state: Houston, Texas

Judge's signature

Dena H. Palermo, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

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AFFIDAVIT

(1) I am a Deportation Officer with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) and have served in that capacity since September 2016. Prior to this assignment, I have held the following positions: Immigration Enforcement Agent and a Federal Correctional Officer. My law enforcement career began on January 7, 2007, as a Federal Correctional Officer. I have over 10 years of immigration law enforcement experience.

(2) On March 24, 2025, Jose Lopez-Mata released into ICE custody. The Defendant is also known as or has used the alias of Jose Homero Lopez-Mata, Jose Lopez, Jose Omaro Lopez.

(3) Based upon the information from ICE’s records as described below, and my training and experience, I submit that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant is in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a).

(4) Element One: The Defendant is a citizen and national of Mexico and not a native, citizen or national of the United States.

(5) Element Two: The Defendant has previously been deported or removed from the United States on the following occasion(s):

a. October 19, 2017

(6) Element Three: After deportation, the Defendant was subsequently found in the United States on December 26, 2023, in Bryan, Texas which is within the Southern District of Texas. Specifically, within the Houston or Galveston Division of the Southern District of Texas. Additionally, ICE’s Law Enforcement Support Center (“LESC”) has been consulted to determine whether, in the past five years and after the Defendant’s last deportation, the Defendant has not been encountered by law enforcement prior to the date specified earlier in this paragraph.

(7) Element Four: The Defendant did not have permission to reenter the United States. On March 25, 2025, I reviewed the contents of the Alien File associated with this Defendant and/or available database information. I found no indication that the Defendant has ever received permission from the Attorney General of the United States, or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, to apply for admission to the United States following deportation from the United States. I have requested certification of this fact from the Records Branch of the Immigration Service.

(8) Prior Criminal History / Gang Affiliation. The Defendant has the following prior criminal history and/or gang affiliation:

- a. On December 27, 2024, the Defendant, using the name Jose Lopez was convicted in the 272nd District Court, Brazos County, Texas for the offense of injury child/elderly/disable with intent bodily injury, a felony. For this offense, the Defendant was sentenced to two (2) years.



Shawna, Deportation Officer
United States Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Signed and sworn telephonically before me on this 25th day of March 2025, and I find probable cause.



Honorable Judge Dena H. Palermo
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Texas